



2001 Wetlands Reserve Program

Project Focus —

Wood ducks, Mallards, Canadian Geese, and Herons are some of the waterfowl that inhabit an 80-acre wetland reserve program site located in the Kanawha River floodplain in Mason County, West Virginia.

Cattails, willows, sedges, rushes, buttonbush and other wetland plant species are becoming well established on the disturbed areas.

Dr. Samir Shabb, the farm's owner, requested a permanent easement because he wanted the land to remain permanently as a wetland. The adjoining cropland is farmed using no-till methods and a nutrient management plan is followed to protect water quality in the wetland areas.

This site is an excellent example of agricultural land use existing side by side with land dedicated to a conservation use.



West Virginia Summary

Overview

WRP enables landowners to restore wetlands that were once degraded by draining or other disturbances. The program emphasizes restoring habitat for migratory waterfowl, as well as protecting and improving water quality, improving wildlife habitat, increasing floodwater storage, and filtering pollutants.

WRP offers landowners three levels of commitment to restore wetlands including permanent easements, 30-year easements, and restoration cost share agreements with no easements.

Accomplishments

Since 1995, 16 projects were approved with an estimated value of \$1,072,060. West Virginia has 198 acres of created or restored wetlands.

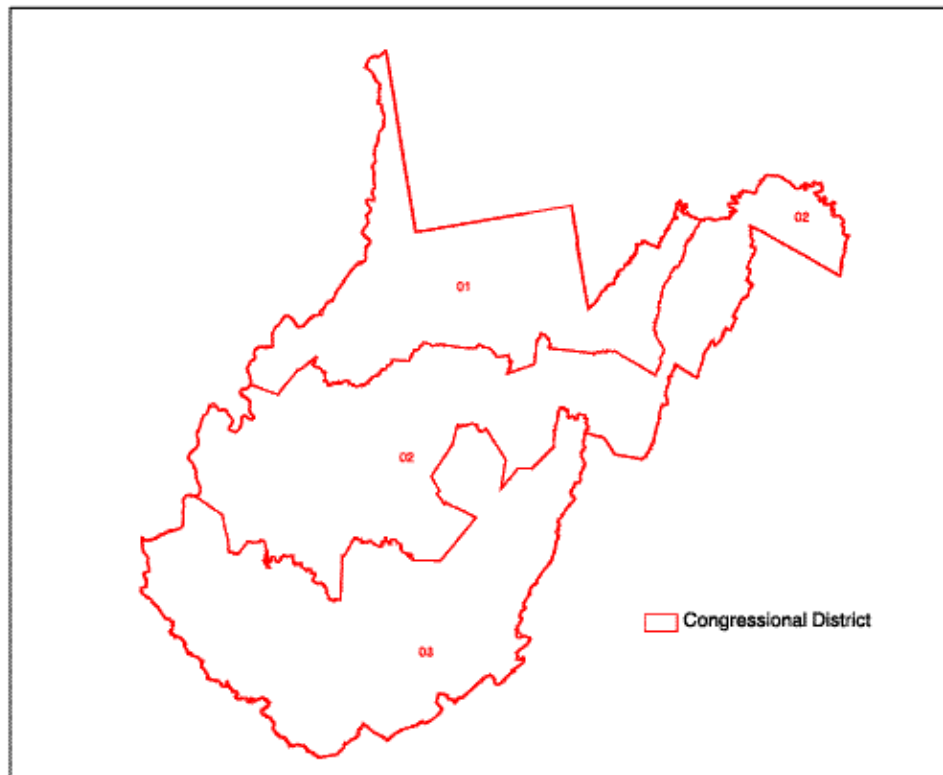
Program Benefits

Since less than one percent of West Virginia is classified as wetland, the overall function and value of even small wetlands are of significance.

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West Virginia Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District



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	Fiscal Year 2001		Cumulative Total (95-01)	
Congressional Districts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 1	0	0	\$264,735	5
District 2	0	0	732,184	8
District 3	0	0	75,141	3
State Totals	0	0	\$1,072,060	16

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